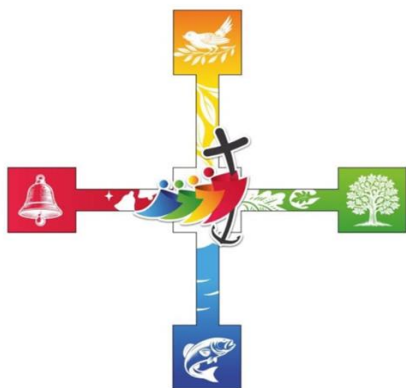


ST MATTHEW'S FAMILY PARISH MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



2ND FEBRUARY 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**READINGS: FIRST – MAL 3: 1-4;
PSALM – 24(23) SECOND – 1 HEB 2:14-18; GOSPEL – LUKE 2:22-40**

Parish Clergy: Fr. Mpagi Alex KISASA, Parish Administrator, Rev. Deacon Anthony Murphy

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Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be sent to: newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

Items must be received **before** the Friday prior to publication.

DETAILS OF MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS

Sunday Masses : Vigil 5:30pm, 9:30 am and 11.00am.

Holiday of Obligation Masses : Vigil 6pm and 10.00 am.

Weekday Masses : Monday to Friday, 10.00am.

Daily Adoration : Monday to Friday 9.30 am. (Confessions on request during adoration).

Confessions : Friday after 10am Mass and 5:00 pm before vigil mass.

4th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 3 rd February	Weekday in Ordinary Time / St. Ansgar / St. Blase
Tuesday 4 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 5 th February	Saint Agatha
Thursday 6 th February	Saint Paul Miki and companions
Friday 7 th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 8 th February	Saturday in Ordinary Time / St. Jerome Emiliani / Saint Josephine Bakhita

DAILY ADORATION



This takes place prior to the weekday masses at 9.30am. Volunteers to lead Morning Prayer and/or Rosary are invited. The sacrament of confession is available at request during adoration.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our liturgy is open to children of all ages. Thank you to all our parents who bring their children to mass. If you are able to help please contact Jennifer McPherson on 07748 707842

SUNDAY CAFÉ & FRIDAY CAFÉ



The Sunday Café will be open after 11.00am Mass in the Church Hall, and also now on every **Friday after 10 am Mass**. More volunteers are needed at both cafés. Many thanks to all the ladies and men who generously assist with preparing coffee/tea for all of us!

FIRST RECONCILIATION – 2025

Date for the diaries for parents of children making their first confession this year - 19th March, 6pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

26th January : First collection - £1,412.42
 Second collection - £819.01

Thank you for your continued generosity. This Sunday the second collection will be for the parish building funds.

NEWSLETTER – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help to produce the newsletter? If you have a basic knowledge of word processing and have a couple of hours available on Saturday morning, you could be the person we are looking for! At the moment our team is a bit depleted and we could do with extra help. Don't worry, we will support you until you get the hang of it. Contact Fr Alex, or Colin Ely (0771 267 5233) or email newsletterstmatthews@gmail.com

PARISH LOTTERY

Cumulative raised for the Church Renovation Fund is over £108,600. New members are always most welcome, please contact John Feechan on 07526 335497 for joining details, or complete form available at the back of the church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all couples marrying in 2025, the one day marriage preparation course dates to choose from are: 1 March 2025, 7 June 2025 or 6 September 2025.

The course will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall. Registration will be from 9.45am – 10.00am, with the day concluding no later than 4.00pm. The registration forms are available from the secure page on the RCAG website.

SENSORY MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Do you or someone you know have difficulty in coming to Mass because you are autistic, have ADHD or are neurodiverse? Would a less stimulating environment help? We are hoping to create that at a sensory Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral but first we'd like to know what would help. Meeting for those interested in the Cathedral, 196 Clyde Street on Sunday 9 February at 2.30pm. If that doesn't suit or you would like to speak to someone privately, call or email Lisbeth Raeside on 0141 770 5055, lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com.

RECONCILIATION AND HEALING SERVICE:

This Service will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 9th February at St Columbkille's Chapel Hall, Kirkwood Street , Rutherglen G73 2NP. Speakers: Rev. Crombie and Joe Livingston. Theme: The Very Real Dangers of the New Age. Confession, prayer ministry, music, tea and coffee. All welcome.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION:

Receptive Ecumenism: a case study in Maryhill - A presentation by Fr Jim Lawlor and Rev Stuart Matthew. The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th February 2025. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

SVDP ADVENT APPEAL 2024

We would like to thank you all for the wonderful response you gave to our appeal for toiletries for the Ozanam Centre during advent. The toiletries were greatly appreciated by the centre who sent us a card saying the following:-

To the parishioners of St. Matthews, Bishopbriggs. We are overwhelmed by your generosity to our centre. You will all be remembered at our weekly conference meetings.

Before Christmas, as well as doing our delivery to the Springburn Hub food bank, we were able to deliver food to St Augustine's for their food bank.. We also bought warm jackets to be given to men with most need at the Ozanam Centre. Contact has been made to a number of primary schools in local areas and we have started to deliver warm clothes for children identified by the schools as coming from needy families.

This is all thanks to the generous contributions that we receive from you in our boxes.

We plan, with your continuing support, to help the Springburn Food Bank on a weekly basis during 2025 for as long as is needed.

JESUS YOUTH SCOTLAND: FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Need a moment to pause, reflect, and reconnect with your faith? Join our Friday fellowship where we pray, share, and grow together. Open to all young adults – come as you are! Every Friday at 142 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2RQ from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm except 3rd Friday of the Month at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, G1 4JY from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. For more details: Contact 07383 895859 or email jyScotland@gmail.co.uk

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

The monthly Mass for Vocations at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's, Robroyston will take place on **Monday 12th February**, in St. Joseph's Chapel, at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Bernard Mournian from St Columbkille's Parish. Please come along and join with us in praying for vocations. Tea/coffee will be served in the cafe following Mass.

BISHOPBRIGGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

East Dunbartonshire Council City Deal are holding a public drop-in consultation on the latest proposals for the Westerhill Development Road on Monday 10th February between 4.00 and 7.00 pm in the War Memorial Hall, Bishopbriggs.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 'COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC'.

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community.

Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register



JOB VACANCY - IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (ISC), GLASGOW

Due to the retirement of the current post holder the ISC is seeking a Receptionist and Administrator. The post is offered full time, but could also be part time if done as a job share. Salary: £25,000 (pro rata for part time / job share). 35 hours per week (full time). Flexibility is needed due to the nature of the work of the centre. Application Deadline: 10 February 2025. Interviews: 27 February 2025. To apply send a CV with a covering letter explaining what attracts you to the role and citing your relevant experience to director@iscglasgow.co.uk

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Glasgow Service of Communion of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a Day of Renewal. It is an opportunity for deepening relationship with Our Lord by learning more on the topic of Intercessory prayer. Venue: Corpus Christi Church, 42 Lincoln Ave, Glasgow G13 3RG. Nearby station: Scotstounhill, Buses from Central station: 3, X4. Guest Speakers: Michael & Mary Jordan and Terry Bradley. Saturday 8th Feb: 10:30 am – 4:00 pm. Tea and Coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch. For more information phone: Minin 07448786569 Email: glasgow.service.team@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Frances O'Brien, James Brennan, Thomas Robertson, Beatrice Hannah and for all our sick parishioners, friends, relatives who are in hospital and care homes! We pray for their families for hope and strength.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

RECENT DEAD

Hugh Cowan, Helen McIndoe, Ellen McDonald, Guido Corri, David Lang, Margaret Keown, Denis Pidgeon, Barbara McColl, Robert Dempsey, Guido Menoni, Fay Smart.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Lacey, James Kearney, Daniel Joseph Hurrel, Desmond Flanagan, Susan & John Crearie, Marie McIntyre, Kevin Reilly, John Conway, John Donohoe, Stephen Shearer, Denis Deighan, Ann Adam, John McCarthy.

Requiescant in pace

PARISH FUNERALS

Hugh Cowan Friday 14th February 10am

THANK YOU

To all our parishioners who continually support our bereaving families throughout the year. Your prayers and attendance at our funeral masses is unwavering and greatly appreciated.

THE MEN OF ST JOSEPH

The Men of St Joseph wish to invite all men over the age of 18 to join them for monthly fellowship meetings, including the Rosary, Lectio Divina and Adoration. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is the 6th February, 7:30-9pm, in the, The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius, 25 Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE.

Contact: themosj.scotland@gmail.com"

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Donegal County Council is seeking photographs of Donegal people at work in Scotland between 1940 and 1990 for an upcoming exhibition. Participants are encouraged to share images, stories, documents or objects that reflect the working lives of Donegal people in Scotland. For more information contact: donegalScotland@donegalcoco.ie or +353 74 916 3824. The exhibition will be launched in spring 2025.